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SUBJECT: SECOND DEMARCHE REQUEST -- UN COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE

REF: A) STATE 130973 B) STATE 107686 C) JAKARTA 2104

¶1. (U) This message is Sensitive but Unclassified -- Please handle accordingly.

¶2. (SBU) On September 17, poloff met with Hari Purwanto, Director of the North American Office at the Department of Foreign Affairs, to request GOI support for U.S. candidate Felice Gaer's reelection to the UN Committee Against Torture, per ref A. Poloff conveyed the points in ref B, emphasizing Gaer's outstanding work on the committee, her high standing among colleagues and her wealth of experience in the field of human rights.

¶3. (SBU) Purwanto acknowledged Gaer's qualifications. He said he did not yet know the GOI stance but would inquire and let us know soon. He said the decision will be made at the level of Director General for Multilateral Affairs Rezlan Ishar Jemie, or possibly higher, with likely input from Indonesian Ambassador to the UN Mr. Marty Natalegawa. Purwanto said he would brief them.

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